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IT is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, that His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's SPEECH delivered this Day from the Throne to both Houſes of Parliament, ſhall be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed, and that the Clerk of this Houſe do appoint the Printing thereof.

John Gayer, Dr Cler^k^ Parl^t^.

BY Virtue of the foregoing Order, I do appoint William Sleater, *to print the ſaid Speech, and do forbid any other Perſon or Perſons to print the ſame.*

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MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE His Majeſty's Commands to acquaint you That He has thought it neceſſary to require your Attendance in Parliament at this early Period, and to reſort to your deliberative Wiſdom at a Time when the ambitious Projects of our Enemies have threatened to interrupt the Happineſs and Proſperity of His People by making a Deſcent on this Kingdom and Great Britain. And altho' His Majeſty looks forward with the utmoſt Confidence to the Spirit, Loyalty and Ability of His faithful People of Ireland to repel ſuch an Attack, it will yet become your Wiſdom to neglect no Precautions which may preclude the Attempt, or ſecure the ſpeedieſt Means of turning it to the Confuſion of the Enemy.

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His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to direct an Addition to be made to the Regular Forces in this Kingdom by Troops ſent from Great Britain, the greater Part of which is already arrived. And in Purſuance of His Majeſty's Commands, I have alſo encouraged the Loyal and Zealous Diſpoſition which has generally diſplayed itſelf to aſſociate in Arms under His Majeſty's Authority, for the better Security of Property, and the Preſervation of Tranquillity and good Order.

I have at the ſame Time His Majeſty's Commands to acquaint you, That in Conſequence of the Steps which He has taken to reſtore Peace to Europe, and to ſecure its future Tranquillity, a Way has at length been opened for an immediate and direct Negociation, and that it is His Majeſty's Intention to ſend a Perſon to Paris with full Powers to treat for the Reſtoration of general Peace.

The apparently hoſtile Diſpoſitions and Conduct of the Court of Spain, has led to Diſcuſſions, of which I am not able to acquaint you with the final Reſult; but whatever may be their Iſſue they cannot but afford to Europe a farther Proof of His Majeſty's Moderation and Forbearance, and cannot fail to animate your utmoſt Exertions in defending the Dignity, Rights and Intereſts of His Empire againſt every Aggreſſion.

In reviewing the Events of this Year, it muſt afford you the greateſt Satisfaction to obſerve that by the Spirit and Exertions of His Majeſty's Navy, the Commerce of His Kingdoms has been protected in a Degree almoſt beyond Example, and in no Part more completely than by the Skill, Activity and Bravery of the Squadron ſtationed on the Coaſts of this Kingdom.

The Succeſs of His Majeſty's Arms in the Eaſt and Weſt Indies has been highly honorable and advantageous to the Empire, and evinces in the ſtrongeſt Manner the Valour and good Conduct of His Forces both by Sea and Land.

The ſteady and dignified Conduct of the Emperor, and the Intrepidity and Spirit of the Auſtrian Forces under the Command of the Archduke Charles, have given ſo eſſential a Change to the Aſpect of Affairs on the Continent, as to inſpire a well grounded Confidence that the final Reſult of the Campaign, will be ſuch, as materially to promote His Majeſty's Endeavors to obtain a ſafe and honorable Peace for Himſelf and his Allies.

Gentlemen

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

I HAVE ordered to be laid before you an Account of ſuch Articles of Expenſe as are not included in the Eſtimates for the current Year, and which the preſent Circumſtances have rendered neceſſary, and when you conſider the great Intereſts for which We are engaged, and the Objects for which We are contending, I doubt not that you will grant the Supplies which may be requiſite for them, with your accuſtomed Chearfulneſs and Liberality; And when the ordinary Accounts and Eſtimates for the enſuing Year ſhall be laid before you, I truſt you will then proceed with the Zeal you have always manifeſted in providing for the Exigencies of the State and the honorable Support of his Majeſty's Government.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

THE Expediency of the vigorous Meaſures which you adopted in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament has been amply proved, by thoſe Outrages which they were intended to ſuppreſs, having in a great Meaſure ſubſided. I have however to lament that in one Part of the Country, good Order has not yet been entirely reſtored, and that in other Diſtricts, a treaſonable Syſtem of ſecret Confederation, by the adminiſtering of illegal Oaths ſtill continues, altho' no Means within the Reach of Government have been left untried to counteract it.

YOU will not fail at a proper Time, to continue your Attention to the Manufactures the Agriculture and the Commerce of the Country, and to extend your accuſtomed Benevolence to the Proteſtant Charter Schools and the other Inſtitutions of Education and Charity, which have been ſo long foſtered by your liberal Encouragement.

THE Proſperity and Reſources of the Kingdom ſo highly improved by your meritorious Care, ſtill remain unimpaired by the Preſſure of the War; And I truſt to your unremitting Attention for the further Advancement of the National Proſperity.

YOU have learnt the Steps which His Majeſty has taken to procure the Bleſſings of general Peace upon a ſolid and permanent Baſis. Should theſe gracious Endeavors of His Majeſty not be followed by the Succeſs which He has every Reaſon to expect, He is ſatisfied that the Affections, Courage and Perſeverance of His People will enable Him to fruſtrate the Deſigns of our Enemies, and to maintain the Honor and Dignity of His Crown.

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It will afford me the higheſt Satisfaction to be aided at this important Criſis by your Advice, and I rely with a Confidence, you have taught me to indulge, upon your liberal Interpretation of my Conduct, and upon that Support I have ſo amply experienced ſince I received His Majeſty's Commands to repair to this Country. And it will be peculiarly gratifying to me, if I ſhould have the good Fortune, in the Adminiſtration of The King's Government, to impreſs upon your Minds, the full Extent of His Majeſty's Paternal Care of this Kingdom, and of my own Anxiety to promote by every Means, its Intereſts, its Safety, and its Proſperity.